# WASHINGTON CITY.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19, 1858.

THE RICHMOND ENQUIRER AND JUDGE DOUGLAS. It is never a strain of courtesy on our part to copy from a respectable cotemporary any article which it may think due to itself that our readers should see; and we copy, accordingly, by request, from the Richmond Enquirer an article defending itself from a few remarks we lately made upon an extraordinary article which we found in its columns, defending Judge Douglas's late squatter-sovereignty declarations at Freeport, Illinois. The discourteous expressions used towards us in a paragraph of the article which we are requested by the Enquirer to copy, we should have a right to eliminate; but as they appear upon their face to have been unnecessary and gratuitous, we are perfectly content to let them go in with the rest.

We come first to the especial matter of complaint urged against us by the Enquirer: that of placing an unjust interpretation upon its article defending Judge Douglas's declarations at Freeport. The gist of those declarations was, that the Nebraska-Kansas act gave the right to the people of the Territories, while yet they were Territories, to exclude slavery from their limits; his language being that "no matter what may be the decision of the Supreme Court on that abstract question, still the right of the people to make a slave Territory or a free Territory is perfect and complete under the Nebraska-Kansas bill :" and that "if the people of the Territory are opposed to slavery they will elect members to the legislature who will adopt unfriendly legislation to it." His position is not that, if they pursue such a course, through the omissions of the Nebraska-Kansas act, they will do wrong; but that they have the right to do this thing, and that this right was positively given them by the Nebraska-Kansas bill. Now this is no new position of Judge Douglas, as every informed politician in the country knows; but an old and favorite one, not only announced a hundred times, as he confessed in this same speech at Freeport, but announced a thousand times and one. Ye this opinion drives directly into the teeth of the Dred Scott decision; and the only thing new about the defeat of the Lecompton bill to the speech in Chicadeclarations at Freeport is, that they disclose that Judge Douglas, unlike General Cass and all the true northern democrats who once held the same opinion, has not, as these have done, yielded his own position on this question to the decision of the Supreme Court, as it was understood from the first by the supporters of the Nebraska-Kansas bill that they would do; but doggedly, and in bad faith to the South, persists in this squatter-sovereignty dogma in spite of that decision.

Now, what puzzled us in the Enquirer's article of the other day was, that, in spite of the very words of Judge Douglas insisting that a territorial legislature had the "right" to exclude slavery, "given" by the Nebraska-Kansas act, it should nevertheless maintain, that Judge Douglas only intended to say, that, through the omissions of his bill, the legislatures of the Territories were at liberty to commit the wrong of excluding slavery. Not only did this declaration of the Enquirer puzzle us, but there was another that did so equally as

The Enquirer, in the same article, called upor "Congress to intervene to protect slavery in the Territories" and intimated a belief that Judge Douglas would take the lead in this work; although such action would be in express contravention of the policy of non-interference by Congress, which Judge Douglas has proclaimed a thousand times that it was the precise and express object of the Nebraska-Kansas bill to inaugurate and establish. Judge Douglas is on record in innumerable forms and places as aiming by this bill to "withdraw the question of slavery from the halls of Congress and the political arena, and commit it to the arbitrament of those immediately interested in and alone responsible for its consequences;" and as declaring that since "this subject is confided by the constitution to each State to decide for itself, he knows of no reason why the same principle should not be confided to the territories." Yet in the face of these avowals of Judge Douglas, familiar to the whole country as household words, and of all that has been said and written on the subject since 1854, the Enquirer gravely and coolly insists that Judge Douglas's intention at Freeport was to point out the defects of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and to indicate his desire to remedy them by abandoning his long purpose of withdrawing the subject of slavery from Congress by referring it the Territories, and now undertaking to withdraw it from the Territories by referring it again to Con-

We say that we were puzzled-indeed, we wer amazed-at these strange positions of the Enquirer; and, but for the emphatic disclaimer of that journal, we should not yet know how to interpret them, except on the hypothesis that they were indited in the spirit of badinage. The Enquirer, however, was serious: yet we cannot conceive how that journal, with its knowledge of the past course of Judge Douglas, and of his recent declarations at Freeport, can imagine that he is in favor of an intervention by Congress with the subject of slavery in the Territories; or that he meant, when he said at Freeport to the abolitionists that territorial legislatures have the right to exclude slavery, that in so doing these bodies would be committing a wrong which he would aid Congress in preventing by the proper legislation. If he did mean such a thing, why did he not say so? why did he say the very reverse?

## A GROUNDLESS ACCUSATION.

As to the allegation of the Enquirer that we prefer the election of a black-republican to the United States Senate over Judge Douglas, that journal will find it impossible to produce a particle of evidence to sustain it. If there were but two men in the State of Illinois eligible to the Senate, and the legislature of that State were under compulsion to elect one or the other of them; then, the inference would have some color of validity, that in opposing one of the two men we were indirectly advocating the other. But, as there are other eligible men in Illinois besides Lincoln and Douglas; and as, even in case there were not, the legislature is not under compulsion to elect either of the two as a senator; it does no follow that in opposing Douglas we advocate Lincoln especially as we have expressed and shown ourselves equally opposed to Lincoln. There are many circumstances connected with the past history of Judge Douglas, nay, there are many views and opinions now

advocated by him, which, if they alone were consider- another of these recreates. The following appeared THE MAINE ELECTION -A GALLANT FIGHT. ed, would give him a vast preference in our eyes over in the Press of last Monday: his black-republican competitor; but there are other circumstances which neutralize this preference and drive us, as we have formerly expressed ourselves, into a feeling of serone indifference as between the

What are the circumstances which thus neutralize the decided partiality we should otherwise feel for the fortunes of Judge Douglas? We shall state them; and we are convinced that they will be appreciated by the Enquirer. We shall not urge the ourse pursued by Judge Douglas last winter, in dividing off from his party, in consorting and voting for a whole session, on nearly all questions, with blackrepublican senators fully as obnexious to good and true democrats as the would-be one in Illinois whom the Enquirer dislikes to request a courtesy of us for supposing us to prefer. We shall not urge a thousand and one other acts of Judge Douglas's, which convince us that he does not intend in the future to act with the democratic party for its own or its cause's sake or for any other end, if at all, than his own advantage; for these things may not be as well known to the Enquirer as to ourselves. We onfine ourselves to two considerations alone, and

Judge Douglas is before the State of Illinois by his own gratuitous act, and not by that of the democratic party, as a self-nominated candidate for re-election to the Senate; no member, therefore, of the party being bound under the party usages to support him. He is there denouncing the action of the democratic party on the Kansas question as a fraud, a monster iniquity, and a swindle; and he is demanding of a great State a verdict of "guilty" against the democratic party of the Union on this infamous indictment-the verdict to be rendered in his own reelection. The Enquirer and ourselves were among the particeps criminis in this "fraud," and the verdict of "guilty" which he is invoking against the democracy of the Union, from the State of Illinois, would include the Enquirer and ourselves. When Judge Douglas left the East, it was understood here by his best friends that he would not bring this indictment against his party, and our columns bear witness to our abstinence from all assault upon him, from the go. In that Chicago speech he brought forward the indictment, and the great issue in Illinois is upon this indictment against the democracy of the Union who supported the Lecompton, including the administration, and including the Enquirer and ourselves. We oppose the re-election of Judge Douglas, among other reasons, because he is there a voluntary prosecutor of the national democracy upon the charge of a fraud, swindle, and cheat. This is one consideration on which we oppose him.

The other touches his fidelity to the democratic party and its principles. We have demonstrated his unsoundness on the principles of the party; but it is not that which we intend to lay stress upon here, for the Enquirer may not yet be convinced on that point. What we especially urge is this; that no sinere and faithful member of the democratic party, appening to be involved in a difference of views with it on any subject, would, if he meant well to the party, go before a great State to ask a verdict against it in the manner pursued by Judge Douglas. We simply state the point, and had it not been for the Enquirer's defence of his squatter-sovereignty declarations at Freeport, we should have appealed to the conduct of that journal itself to contrast it with the course of Judge Douglas. We have thus taken the pains to explain our position in regard to Judge Douglas to the Enquirer, as that is the first respectable journal we have seen which has alleged that we prefer the election of Lincoln over Douglas. It is hardly necessary, we suppose, for us to request the Enquirer to copy this article; for we take it for granted that it will do so of its own accord,\*

"The Richmond Whig will find, in what we have said above, our answer to its interrogatory: why we single out Judge Douglas from the rest of the anti-Lecompton democrats of last winter, (Governor Wise included,) and visit all our censure upon the Illinois leader? It is because these others are not invoking from their States a verdict of guilty against the national democracy upon charges of fraud preferred and prosecuted by themselves. It is because the national democracy by general consent are not disposed to make this past difference of opinion a cause of present division and strife.

### A LETTER FROM JUDGE BREESE.

We publish to-day a communication addressed to a by Judge Breese. We regret that the letter, after having visited this city, took a journey to Louisville, so that it did not reach our hands till yesterday. A couple of weeks ago the telegraph reported that Judge Breese had absolutely declined to be considered a candidate for the Senate, and it was broadly ntimated that he would support Judge Douglas The Chicago Times thereupon cordially endorsed Judge Breese's democracy and high standing in Illiois. We feel now a little curious to see what the Times will have to say in the present altered state of things. The silly falsehoods of Forney's Press were unworthy of Judge Breese's notice. The editor of that paper has sunk himself so low in the opinion of all honorable men by his mis representations of democratic measures and his danders of democratic men that no one thinks of giving credit to any statement coming through such channel. He fabricated a private conversation with the President, which never was held, conned it over, committed it to memory, went to New York, epeated it on the stump, corrected it for his own paer, and then circulated it as widely as he could to injure and disgrace the man whose patronage and counenance gave him all the consequence he ever had. On the same occasion he tried to serve his own malicious purposes by another fabrication in which he represented Gov. Walker as offering a gross insult to the President and cabinet. The baseness of this ast falsehood is intensified by the meanness which leaves the public to infer that Gov. Walker not only committed the offence against decency which Forney attributes to him, but boasted of it afterwards. This article which Judge Breese encloses to us is but another of those personal slanders which have made the "Press" and its editor infamous. Forney brags continually of the prominent and leading position which he had among Mr Buchanan's friends for twenty years. If this be true, he knows that Judge Breese and Mr. Buchanan, whether they differed or agreed on public questions, were always on terms of warm personal friendship, and he knows, too, that among the statesmen of the

country there is none more upright, honorable, or able than Judge Breese. While we are about it, we may as well refer to

"Indicative of the extraordinary feeling in Illinois in favor of Douglas is the curious fact that circular letters have been addressed to the fifteen hundred postmasters of that State asking their views on the existing question, and of this number that thirteen hundred and forty-seven have given their decided adhesion to their gallant sena-tor. This is reliable, inasmuch as I have it from a gen-tleman direct from Hinois; and this is the hand-writing

nothing at all of the sort occurred? We answer, Yes, there is one person who would do it; and that is the same person who falsely pretended to give the very words of a dialogue which was never spoken between shoulders of only five hundred voters and directly in the path of a resolute, energetic, and indomitable democrations of that party are comparatively decent. They leave their direction to the studied equivocation of the quoted paragraph on the authorship of the circular letters. Without saying by whom they were addressed to the fifteen hundred postmasters, he tries to make the impression that they were issued by the Postmaster General or somebody acting under his direction.

But it is a weater of words to comment upon the words of a dialogue which was never spoken between

But it is a waste of words to comment upon the falsehoods of the "press." When a bypocrite tears the mask from his own face, he makes himself harm-

#### GOVERNOR SEYMOUR'S SPEECH.

We cannot pass by the admirable speech of Gov. eymour at Syracuse, which will be found in to-day's Union, without adding a word of comment. It is very short, but exceedingly direct and expressive. As a comprehensive analysis of the opposition, we have seen nothing more searching and truthful. Gov. Seymour is certainly an assailant of the republication. This is glorious news."

The confusion in the returns has resulted from taking the voices for governor to be the same, in many towns, as for member of Congress. Whereas Johnson is ahead of Smith, and French is behind Morrill in many of them thus counted. This is glorious news." icans and know-nothings. They know just where intrigues and dishonesty, which he assaults with iresistible force. We beg leave respectfully to suggest to the democracy of all parts of the country that the way to fight their battles is admirably pointed out by Gov. Seymour. The opposition base all their party movements upon schemes which they believe will array one section of the Union against the other. They have no integrity, no patriotism, no justice, to guide them. They are a party of policy What will command the most votes and excite the deepest enmity of the North against the South is sure to meet their approval and endorsement. We regard the whole school of "republicans" and "Americans" as enemies to our federal Union. They may intend only to gain power; but in effecting their ends they use all the weapons of treason. Governor Seymour exposes them in this respect with most effective and telling home truths.

#### THE CHINA TREATY.

We published yesterday a statement from the 'Friend of China" of what are reported to be the principal provisions of the treaty recently made with China by the minister of the United States, Mr. Reed. The treaty itself has not yet been received by our government. The latest communication from Mr. Reed is dated June 18th, and in this, after announce ing the signature of the treaty on that day, he adds : 'The departure of the mail-boat within a few hours compels me to limit this despatch to the mere annunciation of the fact. I shall send the treaty by the next mail steamer." In order of time the Russian treaty seems to have been first signed, then the treaty with the United States, and afterwards that with the allies. The privileges granted to 6 ation are doubtless granted also to the others.

### A HOAY ON FORNEY.

Under this caption the Nashville (Tenn.) Union pronounces the report of the correspondent of the Philadel- the eng phia Press, writing from Washington county, to the effect that a large and enthusiastic meeting had been held at Bridge Place, in that State, for the purpose of taking into consideration matters of public polity, candidates for the next presidency, &c., to be untrue. The Union even goes so far as to say that Bridge Place is the point where a couple of logs have been thrown over the East Tennessee and Virginia railroad for the convenience of foot passengers, and that its inhabitants are two lizards and an aged toad.

### THE STEAMERS FULTON AND WATER-WITCH.

These two small vessels, forming part of the expedition to Paraguay, are now ready for sea, and will proba-bly leave on Monday for Norfolk.

Their engines have been thoroughly overhauled, and all necessary repairs made to their hulls, rigging, &c. Guns of very heavy calibre have been selected for both

essels—the armament of the Fulton consisting of one eleven-inch shell gun on pivot and four of nine inch in broadside; and of the Water-Witch one nine-inch on pivot. In addition to these, the Fulton will carry two boat howitzers, and the Water-Witch three, one of which is a heavy 24-pounder mounted on pivot on the

Fears were entertained by some of the capacity and trength of the Water-Witch to bear the weight and strain of so heavy a gun as a nine-inch on pivot, (total reight of gun and carriage about 14,500 pounds;) but the trial which took place a few days ago in the presence of Captain Ingraham, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance was quite satisfactory, and removed any doubts that might have existed.

The gun was repeatedly fired with its service charge of ten pounds of powder, and a shell weighing 76 pounds without the slightest injury to the hull or decks; and the experiment may be safely taken as another evidence of the capacity of vessels of small draught and tonnage to withstand the shock of guns of heavy calibre. The guns of the two vessels will be mounted on their

Both vessels are also supplied with small arms and nmunition of the most approved kind, including the Sharpe rifle and Minnie musket, with a sprinkling of re-

### A MERITED COMPLIMENT.

We learn that the diploma of honorary membership in the Berlin Geographical Society has been forwarded through the Department of State to Professor A. D. Bache, the distinguished Superintendent of the Coast Survey of the United States.

Hon. Wm. L. Dewart has been nominated for re-elec-tion to Congress in the 11th district of Pennsylvania.

Never have the democracy of Maine made a more gal-lant fight than on Monday last. They have not, indeed, achieved all that they hoped for, all that we expected, yet they have done a great and glorious work—one that will ever be memorable in the political history of the

and of this number that thirteen hundred and forty-seven have given their decided adhesion to their gallant senator. This is reliable, inamuch as I have it from a gentleman direct from Hilmois; and this fa the hand-writing upon the wall, if the Belshazzar of power will only profit by it."

We quote this and contradict it, because our attention has been several times called to it, and serious inquiries have been made to know whether it is true or not. Men who are accustomed to the ordinary misstatements of the other black-republican prints cannot entirely believe in the falsehood of a statement so circumstantially got up. Would any man (they say) profess to give the precise number of leiters written (just fifteen hundred) and the character of the replies to the feel of the character of the replies and a yet how little they all fall short of that result! Our opponents may talk and scream until they are hoarse and blind over their pretended victory, but they cannot turn the eyes of the people from the stern facts of the case. In the three congressional districts above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities of the case. In the three congressional districts above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, only two years ago, had majorities above named they, o perived from thirteen hundred and forty-seven when sort of a party must that be which, in two short years,

and sure to be submerged by the first rough weather. Her inevitable doom is so clearly written that he who runs may read it, and though a fool cannot be deceived In reference to the election of Johnson, the same paper adds: in regard to it.

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"Mr. Johnson passed through the city has evening on his way to Boston, and was quite surprised to learn that we were so dubious about his election. He has accurate returns from nearly every town, and claims that he is elected by about two hundred and fifty majority. He says that he is certainly elected, and will have his certifi-cate unless fraud is practised.

"The confusion in the returns has resulted from taking

Later returns are rather more favorable. The Portto find him. He does not go round the circle, but land Argus of the 17th had received a despatch from the takes the nearest route to the very citadel of their sixth district expressing the opinion that if Mr. Bradbury is defeated it is by less than one hundred votes. Several towns remained to be heard from. The question is still in doubt in that district. The Augusta Age claims the election of Mr. Johnson, the democratic can didate, over Mr. French, black-republican, by a small majority-falling short of one hundred-notwithstand ing the assertion of Mr. French's friends that he is elect ed by eighteen votes.

#### NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Yale College Appointments.

New Haves, Sept. 17.—The corporation of Yale Col-lege, last evening, appointed Rev. Noah Porter to be Professor of Didactic Theology, in place of Rev. Na-thaniel W. Taylor, deceased. Mr. Perter has not yet decided to accept. He is at present Professor of Moral decided to accept. He is at present Professor of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics. The corporation also ap-pointed Rev. Timothy Dwight to be Assistant Professor Prof. Gibbs is at the head of tha Sacred Literature. department. Mr. Dwight is a grandson of the celebrated

#### Large Pire at Cincinnati.

CINCINSATI, Sept. 17.—A destructive fire occurred here at three o'clock this morning, on Front street, between Broadway and Ludlow. The fire was first discovered in the building occupied by the lard oil factory, from whence it extended to those occupied by Chenowoth & Co., com-mission merchants; Edward Knight, mattress factory; French paint depot; and W. Fee, lard oil works. These buildings were all destroyed, and three or four houses besides were also damaged, but not to any great extent. The loss will probably reach \$75,000.

## Extensive Conflagration.

Sr. John's, N. F., Sept. 18.—Twenty-five houses wer estroyed by fire here last night. One man was burnt.

### Bloodless Duel.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 18.—A duel took place here to ay between Mr. Wood, of the True Delta, and Mr day between Mr. Wood, of the True Delta, and Mr. Brabaran, formerly connected with that journal. Rifles were used. Four shots were exchanged without taking effect, and the matter was arranged by the friends of the

buoyant—sales of 41,000 busnels; mixed, 10 h 12; white, 88 cents; yellow, 94 a 96 cents. Pork—mess declined 5 cents—\$17 35 a \$17 40; prime, \$15 25 a \$15 40. Lard is quiet. Whiskey is quiet at 24 cents. Sugar closed buoyant at 64 a 82 cents. Coffee is steady at 104 a 11 cents. Spirits of turpentine closed firm at 48 a 49 cents. Rosin is quiet at \$1 75. Rice is quiet at 3 a 31 cents.

### LITERARY REVIEW

BOOKS RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK.

COURTSHIP AND MATRIMONY; WITH OTHER SEETCHES. By Robert Morris. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers. From J. Shillington.

TREE TO THE LAST; OR ALONG ON A WIDE, WIDE SEA. By A. S. Roe. New York: Derby & Jackson. From Franklin Philp.

New York to Delait. By O. B. Minturn. New York: D. Appleton & Company. From Taylor & Manye.

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LOBENDS AND LYRICS. By Adelaide Ann Proctor. No
York: D. Appleton & Company. From Taylor

Maury.
OFFICAL WORKS OF GEORGE CRABBE, A new edition.

PORTICAL WORKS OF GEORGE CRAIMS. A new edition.
London and New York; G. Boutledge & Company.
From Philp.

Electron; A Telegraphic Epic for the Tines. By William C. Richards. New York; D. Appleton & Company.
From Taylor & Maury.

RATIONAL COSMOLOGY; OR THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLES AND
NECESSARY LAWS OF THE UNIVERSE. By Laurens P.
Hickok, D. D. New York; D. Appleton & Company.
From Taylor & Maury.

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Fire Laxing or time Telegraphic Cable, &c. By John Mullaly. New Yo Taylor & Maury. New York: D. Appleton & Company. From

MAINE ELECTION.—We learn, by a gentleman direct from Maine, who participated actively in the recent canvass, that Col. Johnson, democrat, is certainly elected by 22 majority. This district, two years ago, if we recollect rightly, gave the present republican member some twenty two hundred majority.—Star

The black-republican convention of the 33d congre-The black-republican convention of the 33d congressional district of New York, after ballotting two hundred and eighty-nine times for a candidate, broke down, and the delegates went back to their homes. A new convention is to be called. Hon. Reuben C. Fenton insists on being renominated, but the delegates from Cattaraugus

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

New York, (Friday night,) September 17, 1858.

There is no part of the proceedings of the Syracus democratic State convention which adjourned last night which is more warmly and deservedly applanded than the resolutions which they adopted unanimously, and with which they concluded their labors. As the representatives of the critical deserved the second of the control of t with which they concluded their labors. As the representatives of the entire democracy of the largest and most influential State in the confederacy, their opinions have great weight, and are justly entitled to general respect. They have endoused with the firmness of honest conviction, and the enthusiasm of warm friends, the administration of our honored President, and giving the reasons for the faith that is in them, particularize the able manner in which he has silenced sectionalism and quelled strife; how he has "preserved the public peace," and proved to the people that the union of the States can and will be preserved, no matter how fanatics may rave, and selfish traitors plot to destroy it, and how, by his energetic and decided diplomacy abroad, he has caused Great Britain to abandon her obnoxious claim of visitation and search, and extended the influence and power of the American name in every quarter of the power of the American name in every quarter of the globe. They have declared their complete concurrence in the wisdom of the President's Kansas policy, and expressed their gratification at the happy results of that policy—namely, the removal of the Kansus question from the halls of Congress, and its transfer to the hands of the people of Kansus who can now manue, their own polley—namely, the removal of the Kansas question from the halls of Congress, and its transfer to the hands of the people of Kansas, who can now manage their own affairs in their own way, subject only to the constitution of the United States. They have also rebuked, with becoming indignation and force, "the offensive and dangerous assumption of a senator from this State, that, by the preponderance of the northern States in Congress, a victory has been won for the South;" and in doing so they have reasserted that the rights and equality of all the States of the Union will ever be maintained by the national and patriotic democracy of both North and South. It is natural that Mr. Seward and his party should desire to make a breach between the North and South, and make the latter believe that "the preponderance of northern States in Congress is a victory won over the South;" but it is the proud duty of the democracy, who recognise no preponderances, duty of the democracy, who recognise no preponderances, claim no exclusive rights, deny no privileges to others which they enjoy themselves, and desire no victories except over their enemies and those of the country, to expose the malignant republican falsehood, and show our southern brethren that their rights, institutions, and well-being are as saved and deserving of respect in our

southern brethren that their rights, institutions, and well-being are as sacred and deserving of respect in our eyes as our own, and that we "ropudiate any appeal to sectional numbers against the right of sister States."

The convention have also exposed the gross injustice and impolicy of the black-republican-know-nothing at tempt "to nullify the rights which naturalized citizens now enjoy," by lengthening the term of probation and placing them in a position politically inferior to that to which black-republicans would admit runaway negroes. In short, the resolutions, by their tone and sprit, give encouraging proof that New York has resumed her true position as a leading democratic State, and that both "the party based on a hatred of a portion of our own countrymen," and that whose "organization is founded upon proscription of those born in other lands," will be utterly defeated at the ensuing elections. Governor Seymour, on taking the the ensuing elections. Governor Seymour, on taking the chair, congratulated the convention that they belonged "to a party whose patriotism is ample enough to em-brace the whole broad land, and whose liberal and com-prehensive spirit can tolerate all creeds, and welcome to ur shores those from every nation who seek an asylum beneath our liberal institutions, and a home on our ri and fertile fields." In this spirit, and inspired by the and rettile needs. In this spirit, and inspired by these sentiments, the convention acted throughout, and in this spirit do we enter the field to fight those who would ar-ray one portion of the Union in deadly hate against an-other, and who would proscribe and persecute those who were born in foreign lands and differ from them in reli-

The opposition organs are doing their utmost to make it appear that there was a row in the convention, and irreconcilable divisions, in consequence of the rejection of the claim of the delegates chosen by the regulars to repressive New York, to the exclusion of the Tammany delegation. Such is not the fact in the most remote degree. The questions to be decided were discussed with calmness, dignity, and perfect good feeling, and the decisions were rendered almost unanimously, because they were founded on a conviction of their justice. If the only hope of the divided opposition is derived from their expectation of dissension in the democratic ranks, they are indeed in a forlorn situation. I can assure you very confidently that the convention closed its labors with the utmost harmony and friendly feeling; the strongest determination to support their ticket, and the brightest hope of achieving a glorious victory.

Everybody is asking after the mysterious Kimmins, who, it was said, contested the scat of Elijah F. Purdy,

"the war-horse" of the democracy of Tammany Hall.
"Where is Kimmins?" "who is Kimmins?" are questions to be heard on every side and in every corner; and, if ever Kinmins turns up and proves to be a man of real flesh and blood. I hope that he will be given the freedom of the city, be allowed to receive his friends in the governor's room at the City Hall, and be conducted to Blackwell's Island—I mean, of course, as an honored visitor. I wish I could tell you "who is Kinmins;" but I cannot, and am utterly unable to say where Kimmins is.

The Persia arrived here last night with advices from Europe of the 4th instant. Her news is not of much general interest. The existence of conspiracies against the lives of Christians at Constantinople and other portions of the Turkish empire, and of a plot to assassinate the Suitan, doubtless on account of his con-

assassinate the Suitan, doubtless on account of his con-cessions to the "infidel dogs," is the most important item of the news. It is evident from recent accounts from Turkey that the most wide-spread and inveterate dissatis-faction exists among the Mohamedan subjects of Abdul Mejid at the recent liberal decrees which he has made in faces of Christians and in chargeting of the adjust lies. Railroad Accident.

St. Louis, (Mo.,) Sept. 18.—The bridge over the Platter river, on the Hannibal and St. Joseph's railroad, was fired by an incendiary on the 13th. The train reached the bridge and fell into the river. George Thompson, the engineer, and two firemen were severely and two passengers slightly injured.

Markets.

New York, Sept. 18.—Cotton is quiet—sales of 300 bales. Flour is firm—sales of 14,509 barrels; State, \$5.70; Ohio, \$5.60 a \$5.70; southern, \$4.50 a \$5.70; Ohio, \$5.60 a \$5.70; southern, \$4.50 a \$6.00 to bales. Flour is firm—sales of 41,000 bushels; inixed, 70 a 741; white, 88 cents; yellow, 94 a 96 cents.—Pork—mess declined 5 cents—\$17.35 a \$1.74 (cents) prince, \$1.50 a \$1.74 (cents) prince, \$1.74 (cents) prince, \$1.50 a \$1.74 (cents) prince, \$1.50 a \$1.74 (cents) prince, \$1.74 (cents) prin duty of every Mussulman. This feeling, the success of Chrisduty of every Mussulman. This feeling, the success of Christian missionaries in Turkey, and the revolt in India, have contributed to create the present distracted state of things in Turkey; and I do not think that it is improbable, from what I know of Turkey and Turkish fanaticism, that some more terrible outbreak than that at Djiddah will take place before long, unless the most energetic measures be adopted by the Christian powers to enable the Sultan to enforce the peace and obedience to his behests.

All is quiet at Staten Island. The investigation is proeeding slowly. The military in camp suffered severely from the violent rain storm of Wednesday night and Thursday morning, but I hear that they are as well as ould be expected.

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The American Pomological Society adjourned last evening to meet at Philadelphia in 1860.

Advices from the West Coast of Africa announce the rrival en July 26th, at Capemount, of the U. S. brig

ainbridge.

The money market still continues in the same state as reported in my recent letters. Money on call was very freely offered to-day by the banks, who refuse to extend their discount line, and considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at this policy. I have already expressed my opinion of the call-loan system, and exposed what I believe to be its dangers. It is much to be regretted if the panks allow the angeent until ratising from such a use banks allow the apparent profit arising from such a use of their surplus means to induce them to extend a sys-tem which, if tight times come on must result in loss banks allow the apparent profit arising from such a use of their surplus means to induce them to extend a sys-tem which, if tight times come on, must result in loss not only to themselves directly, but to a host of others with whom they are connected. The same scarcity of prime paper is complained of, and the same caution is observed in the examination of signatures, as mentioned by me in my late letters. Rates of discount are firmly maintained both at the banks and in the streets.

State stocks there was an active business at full prices. In railroad bonds there was little done. At the board there was a reaction and greater firmne The bank at Baden-Baden has been broken twelve times this season, five of which have been the work of a baronet, (a captain in the Austrian army.) who, on leaving the place, gave five thousand francs to the poor of the town in token of gratitude for his "luck" there.

The bank at Baden-Baden has been broken twelve times market closing at the following prices: N. Y. Central, 781; Pacific Mail, 942; Eric, 171; Reading, 47; Mich. Southern, 37; Chicago and Rock Island, 682; Panama, 113; Galena and Chicago, 83; Cleveland and Toledo, 325; and La Cross and Milwaukie, 24.

changed. Wheat was a shade more active and higher. Corn was firmer. Pork was moderately active at firmer prices. Beef was quiet and firm. Cotton was quiet and

nchanged.

The following were the imports of foreign dry-goods For the week.

. \$1,688,360 \$1,867,939 \$989,325 . 7,691,369 1,162,495 1,282,829

The cash transactions at the sub-treasury to-day were Receipts..... The receipts at the custom-house for duties were \$142, 34 94. ADSUM,

[From the Richmond Enquirer.]

Inv REQUEST.

Since January 1st.

From the Washington "Union" of a recent date we opy the following paragraphs:

"The 'Enquirer' regards the declarations of Judge Douglas at Freeport as a confession, by the author of the bill himself, of all that it has been saying in complaint of the defects of the Kansas-Nebraska act. Alluding to these defects it charges that "members of Congress have no right to shift the responsibility from their own simulders to that of their territorial delegates'—of providing positive legislation for the protection of rights in the Territories which the constitution acknowledges, but which the Kansas-Nebraska act does not secure. It therefore calls, with a great deal of apparent confidence but archly-concealed sarcasm, upon Judge Douglas and Congress to intervene to protect slavery in the Territories' from the evils of such 'unfriendly legislation' on the part of the territorial legislatures, as Judge Douglas confesses is not provided against by his own Nebraska-Kansas bill. In other words, the 'Enquirer' seems to defend Judge Douglas in his Freeport speech by assailing the alleged defects of his Nebraska-Kansas bill."

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A most excellent device! The "Union" finds it im-A most experient device: The "Union" linds it inpossible to meet a direct and frank exposition of Senator
Douglas's position, which scatters to the wind its own
efforts to convict him of "squatter sovereignty" and
"anti-Dred-Scott decisionism;" finds it impossible to
drive southern democrats into fratracidal conflict with
the northern statesman who surpasses all his competers in
the thorough vindication of southern rights; and now
solve to require the impression that the division salls the thortnern statesman who surpasses all his competers in the thorough vindication of southern rights; and now seeks to produce the impression that the division really exists independent of its own efforts towards the accomplishment. Our hearty endorsement of Senator Douglas's position is interpreted as a sneer, a "sarcasm," to be construed "ironically." The democracy of Illinois are to be persuaded that the Richmond "Enquirer" is playing a treacherous part. This species of misrepresentation is, we submit, the most reprehensible that could be resorted to, even for the bal purpose of fomenting discord in the democratic party.

We are reluctant to request a courtesy, or even an act of simple justice, at the hands of a newspaper which prefers the election of a black-republican to the United States Senate. Nevertheless, we do request the "Union" to reproduce this article, as our emphatic denial of the insidious position which that paper has chosen to attribute to us. We hold now, as we have from the beginning of the contest in Illinois, that Senator Douglas is doing more than any other northern man for the vindication of the constitutional rights of the South. We prefer him, not only before a black-republican candidate, but before any other democrat for the position of senator from Illinois.

any other democrat for the position of senator from Illi-nois. We fully endorse his position with regard to the insufficiency of existing federal legislation for the protec-tion of the constitutional rights of the South, and we ap-preciate very highly his able efforts to impress this truth on the minds of the people. That this protection is in-sufficient, the "Union" will not venture to deny. It neither denies the fact that the Nebraska act affo positive protection to slavery in the Territories, nor the equally undeniable fact that the Badger amendment did

positive protection to savery in the Territories, nor the equalty undeniable fact that the Badger amendment did operate to deprive slavery in the Territories of pre-existing protective laws.

The attempt to fix the responsibility of these defects on Senator Douglas is the "Union's" effort, not ours. The Nebraska act achieved two great objects: 1st. The denial by Congress of its own power to abolish slavery in the Territories. 2d. The acknowledgment of the right of the people of a Territory about to become a State to abolish or to recognise the institution of slavery through the agency of a State constitution. This was done on the recommendation of Senator Douglas. It was, at the time, impossible for him to push his recommendation further. Southern senators, instead of coming forward to require positive legislation for the protection of slave property in the Territories, urged the repeal of pre-existing laws for such protection. They feared the result of a direct trial of strength before Congress, and sought a compromise. It was southern men who chose to leave

the least responsible among its supporters for the defects which it imbodies. One of these defects has since been partially corrected by the Dred Scott decision. Senator Douglas has not hesitated immediately to endorse that decision. And now he boldly points out the fact that decision. And now he boldly points out the fact that the defect is not yet totally corrected. He refuses, in an open and manly spirit, to full the friends of constitutional rights into a false security. His explanations point out the undeniable fact that something more must be done before a southern man can find entire security for his

property in our common Territories. What southern man is doing more than this for the sake of the constitutional rights of the South? How many are doing as much? And yet this is the man against whom the "Union" is daily endeavoring to strengthen the hands of black-republicanism. Is Judge Douglas false to the constitutional rights of the South, or has the "Union" ceased to be a democratic newspaper? The voice of a large number of the democratic press, from voice of a large number of the democratic press, from Maine to Texas, from Pennsylvania to California, already

NEW METHOD OF STEERING VESSELS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sep., 18, 1858. To the Editors of the Union :

A day or two since I had an opportunity of examining a model in the Patent Office designed for the purpose of steering vessels and steamers, which certainly displays great ingenuity. It will be placed in the secret archives of the office until the patentee shall be enabled to make

the necessary arrangements to procure foreign patents.

The power in this apparatus is obtained by screws of crating on the rudder head, whereby the motion is preby me in my late letters. Rates of discount are firmly maintained both at the banks and in the streets.

Foreign exchange was in good demand for the steamer at full prices. It is thought that the Fulton to-morrow will take out at least \$500,000 in specie, and that a still larger sum will go out in the Vigo on Thursday next.

The stock market opened at a further decline with an active market. At the first board New York Central went down to 77½; Erie to 17½. The feature of the day was the large sales of Reading, opening at 47½, and selling down to 46. Pacific Mail advanced ½, closing at 93. In the Western roads, Chicago and Rock Island improved slightly, closing at 68 against 67 last-evening. Michigan Central sold at 5½ against 50½ yesterday. In bank and State stocks there was an active business at full prices. of power to the rudder, must bring this machine into general use. For sea-going vessels the works will be constructed of brass, and the difficulties heretofore encountered in the use of screws will be overcome; and in addition to this one man can successfully manage it, however great the pressure may be on the rudder. Those nautical men who have examined this machine regard it as an acquisition of immense importance to the naval and commercial interests of our country.

The inventor, Mr. D. J. Wilcosson, of Milan, Eric county, Ohio, should be congratulated on his success in this valuable and ingenious improvement.

Lieut. J. Pembroke to be light-house inspector for